

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION  
CIVIL ACTION No. 5:21-cv-00251-BO

BERINGER COMMERCE, INC. d/b/a  
BLUE ACORN iCi,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FIN CAP, INC. d/b/a  
“BLUEACORN.CO,”  
BLUE ACORN PPP, LLC, BLUE OAK  
FOREST, LLC, MICHAEL S. COTA,  
JAMES FLORES, STEPHANIE  
HOCKRIDGE REIS, and NATHAN  
REIS,

Defendants.

**PLAINTIFFS’ NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY  
DISMISSAL OF DEFENDANTS MICHAEL  
S. COTA, JAMES FLORES, STEPHANIE  
HOCKRIDGE REIS, AND NATHAN REIS  
(Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(i))**

NOW COMES Plaintiff, BERINGER COMMERCE, INC. d/b/a BLUE ACORN iCi, by and through undersigned counsel, and voluntarily dismisses, without prejudice, Defendants MICHAEL S. COTA, JAMES FLORES, STEPHANIE HOCKRIDGE REIS, and NATHAN REIS pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the foregoing PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL OF DEFENDANTS MICHAEL S. COTA, JAMES FLORES, STEPHANIE HOCKRIDGE REIS, and NATHAN REIS has been filed with the Clerk for the United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, using the electronic filing system of the Court. The electronic case filing system will send a "Notice of Electronic Filing" to all attorneys of record who have consented to accept service by electronic means.

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

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